

Amendments In the Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Previously Presented) Apparatus comprising:
first data storage device, accessible to a motherboard, storing daughterboard boot-up code;
a coupler, coupling a daughterboard to said motherboard, defining at least a first data communication path from said motherboard to said daughterboard;
a microprocessor positioned on said daughterboard, wherein said microprocessor includes a development port, wherein the development port receives data from an emulator device external to the microprocessor when the development port is coupled to the emulator device; and
at least a second communication path, defined on said daughterboard, providing for communication from said coupler to said development port;
wherein a boot-up code can be provided from said storage device, over said first communication path, said coupler and said second communication pathway, to said development port of said microprocessor on said daughterboard.
2. (Original) Apparatus, as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said motherboard is configured to download at least said boot-up code, to said development port automatically, in response to a power up or a reset of said electronic device.
3. (Previously Presented) Apparatus, as claimed in Claim 1, wherein said daughterboard includes a DRAM and a memory controller and wherein said boot-up code comprises configuration information for configuring the memory controller.

4. (Previously Presented) A method for performing boot-up in an electronic device comprising a motherboard and a coupled daughterboard, said daughterboard comprising a microprocessor, said microprocessor comprising a development port, the method comprising:

automatically downloading at least first boot-up code from said motherboard to said development port, in response to a power-on or reset of said electronic device, wherein the development port receives data from an emulator device external to the microprocessor when the development port is coupled to the emulator device; and
using said boot-up code, in said microprocessor of said daughterboard, for performing at least a first boot-up operation.

5. (Previously Presented) A method, as claimed in Claim 4, wherein said boot-up operation comprises configuring a port, different from said development port.

6. (Previously Presented) A method, as claimed in Claim 4, wherein said daughterboard comprises a DRAM and a memory controller, and wherein said boot-up operation comprises configuring said memory controller.

7. (Original) A method, as claimed in Claim 4, further comprising downloading at least a portion of an operating system for said microprocessor, from said motherboard, using said development port.

8. (Original) A method, as claimed in Claim 4, wherein said step of downloading said at least first boot-up code is performed while said daughterboard is coupled to said motherboard.

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Original) A method, as claimed in Claim 4, wherein said first boot-up operation is performed in the absence of storing said boot-up code on a daughterboard non-volatile memory prior to said power-up or reset.

11. (Previously Presented) Apparatus for performing boot-up in an electronic device comprising a motherboard and a coupled daughterboard, said daughterboard comprising a microprocessor, the microprocessor comprising a development port, comprising:

means for automatically downloading at least first boot-up code from said motherboard to said development port, in response to a power on or reset of said electronic device, wherein the development port receives data from an emulator device external to the microprocessor when the development port is coupled to the emulator device; and
means for performing at least a first boot-up operation, using said boot-up code, in said microprocessor of said daughterboard.

12. (Previously Presented) Apparatus, as claimed in Claim 11, wherein said means for performing said first boot-up operation comprising means for configuring a port, different from said development port.

13. (Previously Presented) Apparatus, as claimed in claim 11, wherein said means for performing said first boot-up operation comprising means for initializing DRAM chip selects.

14. (Previously Presented) Apparatus, as claimed in Claim 11, wherein said daughterboard comprising a DRAM and a memory controller, and wherein said means for performing said first boot-up operation comprises means for configuring said memory controller.

15. (Original) Apparatus, as claimed in Claim 11, further comprising means for downloading at least a portion of an operating system for said microprocessor, from said motherboard, using said development port.

16. (Original) Apparatus, as claimed in Claim 11, wherein said means for automatically downloading includes means for downloading while said daughterboard is coupled to said motherboard.

17. (Cancelled).

18. (Previously Presented) Apparatus, as claimed in Claim 11, wherein said means for performing said first boot-up operation comprising means for performing said first boot-up operation in the absence of storing said boot-up code on a daughterboard non-volatile memory prior to said power-up or reset.